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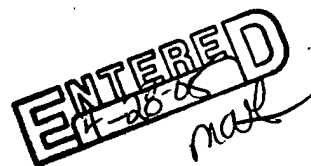
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Sir :

In response to the Notice of Allowance of December 23, 2004, and in accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.312, applicants respectfully request amendment of the following claims in the application.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 5 of this paper.